

cowardice

['kavədɪs] *n*
 трусость, малодушие

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cow·ard·ice *BrE* ['kavədɪs] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['kavərdɪs] ^ˈ **noun uncountable**

fear or lack of courage

Opp: ↑bravery **Opp:** ↑courage

- The lieutenant had displayed cowardice in the face of the enemy.

Word Origin:

[**cowardice**] Middle English: from Old French **couardise**, from **couard**, based on Latin **cauda** 'tail', possibly with reference to a frightened animal with its tail between its legs.

Example Bank:

- It is an act of moral cowardice for a society to neglect its poor.
- She was ashamed of her cowardice.

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cow·ard·ice /'kavədəs, 'kavədɪs \$ -ər-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ (also **cow·ard·li·ness**, 'kavədlinəs, 'kavədlinɪs \$ -əd-/) **noun [uncountable]**

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** coardise, from coart; ⇒ ↑**coward**]

lack of courage **OPP** **bravery**:

- * cowardice in the face of danger

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